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A MONTHLY VISITOR

Full of practical suggestions—what and when to plant, prune and spray—and seasonable offerings of the many varieties of Trees, Hardy Flowers, Hardy Shrubs, grown and distributed by the DeKalb Nurseries.

CLOSED ON SUNDAY



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AUGUST—To those who studiously follow the gradual stages of development of the lawn, the trees, and the flowers in the garden from early spring till fall, and even then from fall until spring, will agree with me that the most dominating color in all of our landscape is green.

Every garden and every lawn, in order to be a success, that is in order to please the most of us, should be so cared for that the sod is of a good green color.

If the color goes out of the grass now, it is usually a sign that it is too dry, and the sod should be watered, and watered thoroughly.

The best of flowers during excessive hot days, suffer, and one should look around the lawn and the garden, and give water to any bush, shrub, tree, or hardy flowers, any one of these will show it some how, if it needs water. The leaves usually look wilted and if not watered then, will soon turn red and fall off, and the next thing that follows is the death of the plant.

One ought to be sufficiently interested to look around his own place now and then and keep informed of just how the trees and flowers are getting along.

It is a good investment to spend a small part of one's time in the garden, it is a rest, it is an education, few persons realize the many delightful experiences one meets with in the garden.

There is a constant procession of living creatures passing one way or the other, like a metropolis, where people of all nations come and go, so in the garden there come birds from the far shores of tropical climates, resting perhaps a few days only on their way to the far north, or it may be on the return trip when these visitors stop to pay their friendly call.

To meet with any of these far traveling songsters, is an incident that is worthy and a revelation to most of us.

The garden is an exchange of a wonderful lot of creatures, there is a great host of harmless insects that are the delight of many learned people.

My hope and contention is that one ought to acquire a desire to read for himself the out of doors.

Everywhere I see signs like this "Light Novels for vacation days cheap" I agree it is better to read something, altho cheap, than not not to read at all. But why not toss these cheap novels to the winds, and with an open mind approach the great out of doors, and read the lives of a million creatures in full action, and learn to enjoy the music of the running brook, the pretty notes of the robins, and see the most wonderful colors painted on the petals of flowers, and incidentally study the forms and shapes of leaves, they are designed and patterned in ways no architect could do.

A day's reading of this kind without book or paper is a treat, and if a day is enjoyed once in this fashion, one will want to enjoy such a pleasure again.

I wonder how many of the readers of this "Bulletin" agree with me on this, I should be glad to know if you care to write me a postal.

In August, one can plant Evergreens of most any varieties, the Pines and Spruces have then finished and matured their growth, all of the others that grow all the time from spring till fall, can be planted any time.

Last summer we successfully transplanted a large quantity of Pine trees, in the month of August, they are growing nicely, and we have transplanted all kinds of evergreen trees in August for many years.

Rhododendrons, such as we have, nice transplanted bushy plants, can be planted now too, these plants ought to be seen, they are wonderfully fine, stocky plants, and will bloom next spring, they have the flowering buds already formed now.

I might go on describing a hundred different kinds of shrubs and trees but I doubt if I could in a single instance convey the same impression one gets when seeing the living tree or bush; at this time of the year one ought to visit the Nursery, and see the blocks and rows upon rows of all kinds of trees.

And then too, when coming to the Nursery, one can ask questions on how to do this and that, and possibly you can get some information that will be useful.

Now is the right time to make your plans for planting this fall, and now is the time to place your order for your trees and shrubs for this fall.

It helps very materially to have your order early, and it is of mutual benefit to do this.

We have Japanese Berbery by many thousands, also some of the scarcer varieties of Berbery, and it is well to see them in the Nursery while they are growing. California Privet Hedge, we have in many thousands.

We have some of the finest quality plants of Hills of Snow, Hydrangea, they are a most wonderful sight just now, they have been in full bloom for weeks.

We have thousands of flowering shrubs, in many different varieties, Hydrangea, Snow Ball, Lilacs, Mock Orange, Spirea, Weigelia, Deutzia, and many rare varieties.

Our shade trees such as Oaks, Elms, Maples, Buttonwoods, are all fine transplanted specimens.

Of hardy flowers, we have several large beds of them, Paeonies, Iris and assorted old fashioned hardy flowers.

Evergreens are our specialty, of these we have many different kinds, and they are of many different colors and shapes, we have Pines, Firs, Arbor Vitaes, Junipers, in large quantities and all of these trees have been several times transplanted.

It is very important when buying Evergreens that they have been transplanted.

Evergreens add so much to the home grounds, no grounds can be successfully planted without the use of Evergreens, they are as grateful a sight in summer as they are in winter time.

No landscape in winter is as cheerful as those that are colored up with growths of Evergreen trees of some kind.

There are more Evergreens planted now than ever before, builders and architects have long realized the value of tasteful planting around the new buildings.

A house set among flowers and trees is a home, a house without flowers and trees is just a house.

If you have any special liking, and if you are partial to any particular flower or plant, by all means have it first of all.

It is a perfectly natural thing to have preferences in flowers and trees, just as one has preferences in other things.

It is a most refreshing thing to me as I go along and see some original planting, where no professional had anything to do with it, I must say that I saw some of these plantings that are the very acme of good taste, and of course I have seen some places that are simply examples of riot and disorder, where designs were made with a vengeance, but even such plantings are better than none, and even such attempts are to be regarded as the beginning of progress.

The developing of the fine arts of the out of doors is man's highest sign of civilization, every attempt made to beautify and improve your immediate surroundings is adding to the lustre and beauty of the whole world.

In Pennsylvania, we are just now awakening to the duty of replanting our Forests, what a wonderful awakening this is, I hope and trust every citizen will join hand in hand in this movement; we in Pennsylvania have made progress that is greater than in most states, we are in the lead, let's keep in the lead, when we succeed in reforesting the wild lands of our own State, we shall have set an example that will have a wholesome effect on the whole civilized world.

We are not good citizens unless we actively conserve and build up the natural resources of the State and the Nation.

Some time in the near future I shall devote one whole issue of the "Bulletin" to a "Plea for Redeeming Penn's Woods," that's our woods—the woods of Pennsylvania.

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Yours truly,

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